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Dear Mr. Baza -

The misery gravel truck
companies cause us is
still going on FOUR YEARS
LATER!

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August 15, 2007
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Dear Board of Equalization Members,

Many people have been protesting higher tax bills because property values have gone up. But our situation is truly unique. We respectfully protest the amount of our property tax bill because the value of our home has been diminished within the past two years due to *gravel truck companies* running their business on our street. We could not sell our home at the present time for anywhere near what we could get for it if we did not have these gravel companies using 500 West to travel through Pleasant view. Recently our city council officially designated 500 West as the route these enormous trucks must use to go through town. They had to pass the ordinance due to decisions made several administrations ago. They tell us "our hands are tied."

At the peak of truck traffic 300 40-ton tandem trucks rumbled and roared (with jake brakes) up and down 500 West. One day we counted 14 of these massive trucks in a row. There have been weeks when truck traffic is lower, and we see what a beautiful area we live in. With this official designation we know that it could start up at any time again. This causes us to not feel safe from further damage to our property value.

The noise of hundreds of large gravel trucks is hard to live by, or to sleep, or to enjoy our backyard. Dust and dirt fly all over. Damage to this road is considerable. Every few months our city is forced to fill many big holes on 500 West at taxpayer's expense. The gravel company does not pay anything in taxes or for the repairs. There are other routes out of town, but the gravel company owners are at odds with each other. We citizens pay a very high price for their dispute. Our quality of life is ruined.

The constant expense of road repair forces the city to repair 500 West over and over, which takes our money away from things like fixing our fallen curb and gutter. The city's main water and sewer lines are beneath 500 West, so we are concerned that it will cost a lot for us taxpayers to replace pipes when the trucks have ruined them.

Our safety is placed at risk as we are forced to travel down this street with the trucks. Numerous truck accidents have occurred. They have run into houses and landed in ditches. So far no one has been killed. Our city has been featured on nightly television news reports and in newspaper stories.

Our house foundation is cracking. Stairs separate from our house. Our driveway cracks (we repaired). Cupboards separate from the wall at a noticeable rate. It feels like driving your car by a worker using a jackhammer. The ground underneath the hammer vibrates for a distance from the road. We are the third house in from 500 West and we hear from neighbors how bad it is for them directly on this "designated street." The unsightliness of such an industrial look would scare any buyer from purchasing our home.

Noise, dirt, danger, destruction to our home and streets, unsightliness, and our town's reputation from gravel trucks all hurt property values.

Sincerely,



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